

Smoke Detectors

- Install smoke detectors on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke detectors throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test detectors monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries every 6 months, or immediately if "low battery" chirp sounds.
- Replace all smoke detectors every 10 years or sooner if they do not respond properly.





Home Fire Facts*

- You are most likely to experience a fire in your home than anywhere else.
- Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in these fires.
- More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths and fire injuries.
- Electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in roughly 50,000 reported fires each year.
- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half.
- Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths.
- Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

*Source: National Fire Protection Assoc.

The Johns Creek Fire Marshal's Office strives to protect the lives and property of the community by providing the highest level of customer service in fire & safety prevention education.



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HOME Fire Safety





In 2010, there were 482,000 structure fires in the U.S., causing 2,755 civilian deaths, 15,420 civilian injuries, and \$9.7 billion in property damage.



HOME **Fire Safety**

Kitchen

Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher present and accessible Never leave the kitchen when cooking Cooking area clear of anything that is combustible Never wear loose fitting clothing while you are cooking Maintain a three-foot area around the stove as a kid and pet free area

Indoor Safety

Fire escape plan created and practiced with all members of family with a designated meeting place outside. Smoke detectors on all levels of the home-including the basement and attic space where applicable Monthly checks of smoke detectors Multipurpose fire extinguishers on all levels of the home

Carbon Monoxide detectors located near bedrooms Deadbolt locks can be unlocked from the inside without hunting for a key

Provide adequate space of combustibles around heaters and heating devices

Keep stairs free of hazards

Flammable liquids are stored in proper containers and away from ignition sources

Extension cords are not overloaded, worn, frayed, or spliced

Extension cords are not run under carpets, through walls or ceilings

All electrical switches and receptacles have proper cover plates

Child locks are installed on all cabinets used to store poisons, cleaners, matches, and lighters, if needed

Dryer Safety

Clean lint filter before or after each load of laundry Remove lint that has collected around the drum Use of a rigid or flexible venting pipe for dryer: Rigid is recommended for proper air flow Ensure that the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when dryer is in use Never leave your dryer running when you're not at home or when you go to bed.

Routine maintenance should be performed on your dryer to make sure that it is in good working order

Outdoor Safety

YES NO

yes

yes no

Correct address is displayed and easily visible from the street

Weeds, grass, vines or other growth should be maintained to prevent spread of fire

Secured fence or cover around all Pools, hot tubs, or other large bodies of water

Barbeque grills are spaced far enough away from your home to not be a hazard- at least five feet

Living Room

Always open the flue or damper before starting a fire in your fire place

Keep all flammables at least three feet away from all fireplaces

Use a sturdy fireplace screen in front of the fireplace Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional at least every year

Keep candles, lamps, and other heating devices away from curtains - generally three feet

Have an electrician inspect your wiring in your home periodically

Never leave a burning cigarette unattended

Bedroom

Never use candles in your bedroom Don't run electrical cords under rugs Replace and repair any loose or frayed electrical cords Don't staple or nail electrical cords

Never smoke in bed

If you use an electric blanket, make sure that you cut it off and unglug it when not in use

Bathroom

Don't overload outlets with cords from too many appliances

If an outlet or switch feels unusually warm, stop using it and call an electrician

Unplug all appliances when not in use Keep towels and other flammables at least three feet away from space heaters

Hallway

yes no

yes

yes no

yes no

yes no

yes

Install ceiling-mounted smoke alarms at least four inches away from the walls on every level of your home Insure that all smoke alarms are UL listed Wall mounted smoke alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling Test your smoke alarms once a month Vacuum your smoke alarm every six months Change all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year and make sure they are always installed Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years

NOTE: For every "NO" checked above, it indicates where your family's safety precautions may fall short. Take immediate actions to correct.

To request assistance from the Johns Creek Fire Dept. in reviewing your home fire safety checklist and home evacuation plan, please call 678-474-1641.

Identify your meeting place location here:

(next door neighbor's house, a particular tree, street sign, etc.)





yes no

yes no

yes no

yes no